THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

Shirasawa et al.

Confirmation No.:

5106

Serial No.:

10/720,431

Group Art Unit:

1633

Filed:

November 24, 2003

Examiner:

Hirayanna, Kelaginamane T

Docket No:

2352.001

Mailing Date:

2/10/2006

Title:

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS FOR ALLEVIATING TISSUE HYPOXIA

AND METHOD FOR ALLEVIATING TISSUE HYPOXIA

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed February 10, 2006. In light of a request for a three-month extension and fee therefor, enclosed herewith, Response is required by August 10, 2006. Therefore, this Response is filed timely.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.